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## Town of Zionsville passes broadband ready ordinance

The Zionsville Town Council unanimously passed an ordinance declaring the Town of Zionsville as a broadband ready community. The Broadband Ready Community certification demonstrates that a community has taken steps to reduce barriers to broadband infrastructure investment.

The ordinance states that the Town of Zionsville with comply with certain project standards including: having one point of contact for broadband development projects, having processes to allow for electronic submission of forms and applications, having processes for all permit applications to be approved or denied within 10 business days of filing, assurance that all inspections related to a project are completed in a timely manner and having a plan to promote broadband adoption.

"Broadband readiness allows the Town to further express that we are open for business," said Planning & Economic Development Director Wayne DeLong. "This is yet another illustration of how the Town speeds up the infrastructure process and make processes better and easier for potential customers."

Communities in Indiana pursuing improved broadband access are eligible for the Broadband Ready Community certification and may apply through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). In the coming weeks, the Town will apply for the official certification on the IEDC website, with DeLong as the point of contact.

"This ordinance shows that we are ready for new investments," said Mayor Tim Haak. "Being a broadband ready community will encourage the expansion of infrastructure and additional broadband access for both residents and visitors."

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